

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST  
DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FORM

NR Eligible: yes ☒ X  
no ☐

Property Name: Gray Laboratory Inventory Number: B-3583  
Address: 520 W. Lombard Street Historic district: yes ☒ X no  
City: Baltimore Zip Code: 21201 County: Baltimore City  
USGS Quadrangle(s): Baltimore East  
Property Owner: University of Maryland Tax Account ID Number: not available  
Tax Map Parcel Number(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Tax Map Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
Project: Red Line Corridor Transit Study Agency: Mass Transit Administration  
Agency Prepared By: John Milner Associates, Inc.  
Preparer's Name: Katherine Larson Farnham Date Prepared: 1/26/2006  
Documentation is presented in: May 1938 Bulletin of the UMD School of Medicine; MHT State Inventory Form (1979);  
UMAB, The Way They Were (Baltimore: UMAB, 1976).  
Preparer's Eligibility Recommendation: \_\_\_\_\_ Eligibility recommended ☒ X Eligibility not recommended  
Criteria: A B C D Considerations: A B C D E F G  
*Complete if the property is a contributing or non-contributing resource to a NR district/property:*  
Name of the District/Property: \_\_\_\_\_  
Inventory Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Eligible: yes Listed: yes  
Site visit by MHT Staff yes ☒ X no Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Description of Property and Justification: *(Please attach map and photo)*

Gray Laboratory is a four-story red brick building with two perpendicular wings forming an L-shaped footprint, and is tucked behind Davidge Hall and the former UMD Law School (now East Hall). Only the south and west facades of the building are visible; the rest back up to adjacent buildings. Gray Laboratory has a shallow-pitched shed roof, and most windows are replacement one-over-one metal double-hung sash. The south wing of the building runs perpendicular to W. Lombard Street and is three stories tall, four bays wide and six bays long. A modern metal fire escape is mounted on the south four-bay end. A painted sign reading "Gray Laboratory" can be seen below the third-floor windows on the west façade of this wing. The northern wing, running parallel to Lombard St., is four stories tall and four bays wide. At the right side of its first floor is a double door with an arched transom. The double-leaf door is modern and the transom is infilled. The second floor window directly above this entrance has an oblong multilight transom directly above it, which is the only original fenestration remaining. The west end of the building has been encapsulated within a modern addition to the rear of Davidge Hall.

Gray Laboratory was constructed in 1894 to replace the 1820 Practice Hall. Practice Hall, the second-oldest medical school building on the UMD campus, was destroyed in a fire that had spread from the adjacent Heiser loft building on S. Paca Street and

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MHT Comments: Contributes to B-5128

Jim Bullock ✓  
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services

B. L. L.  
Reviewer, National Register Program

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damaged Davidge Hall as well. The new laboratory building was built on the foundations of Practice Hall and was named Gray's or Gray Laboratory in honor of a former patient who apparently provided a generous bequest. By the 1930s, Gray Laboratory was one of three major lab facilities at the UMD Medical School, the others being the former Dental-Pharmaceutical Building at 31 S. Greene St. and the loft buildings at 34-36 S. Paca St. Gray's labs included Anatomy on the top floor, Pharmacology on the second floor, and Physiology on the first floor. Later and current uses of the building are not known.

Gray Laboratory is now the third-oldest medical school building on the UMD campus (behind Davidge Hall and the original section of the UMD Law School), and is its longest-standing laboratory facility. As such, it is a rare remainder of the university's pre-1900 campus and forms part of a core of the oldest campus buildings. Architecturally, it was a relatively plain building of no particular architectural style or distinction in its original condition. Though it has significance as a longtime laboratory facility, it has lost much integrity due to recent alterations, including replacement of all original windows and doors and installation of new fire escapes. In its modernized state, it does not read clearly as a pre-1900 building, and is recommended not individually eligible for the NRHP. However, it would be a contributing element to the proposed University of Maryland Medical School-Hospital District (B-5128).

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Eligibility not recommended \_\_\_\_\_

Criteria: \_\_\_ A \_\_\_ B \_\_\_ C \_\_\_ D Considerations: \_\_\_ A \_\_\_ B \_\_\_ C \_\_\_ D \_\_\_ E \_\_\_ F \_\_\_ G

MHT Comments:

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Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services\_\_\_\_\_  
Date\_\_\_\_\_  
Reviewer, National Register Program\_\_\_\_\_  
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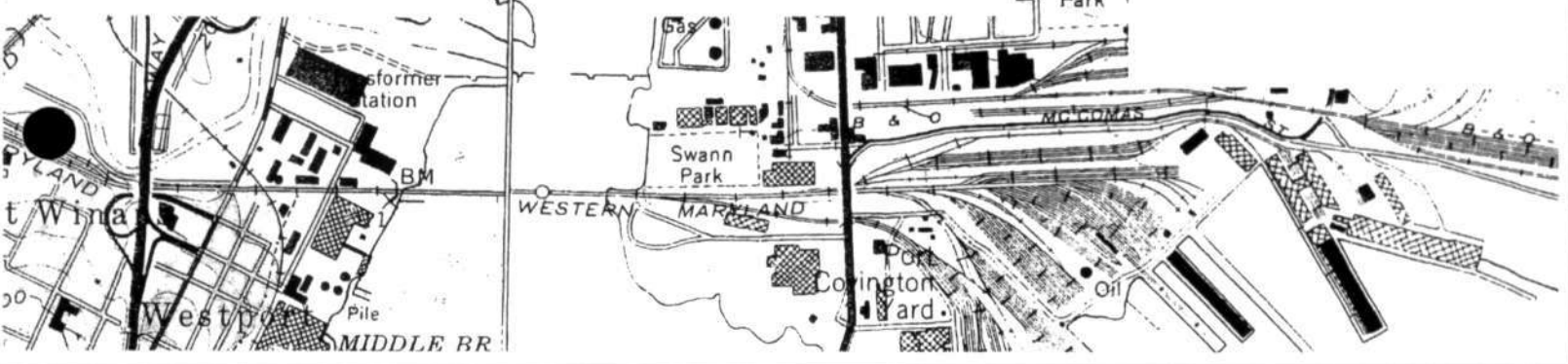


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Gray Laboratory, 520 W. Lombard St.

Baltimore City, MD

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Gray Laboratory  
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Gray Laboratory, located on the north side of West Lombard Street a few hundred feet northeast of Davidge Hall, is an L-shaped brick building three stories in height. The north-south section which is three stories tall with an elevated basement and six bays wide runs southward along the west wall of the Inner Harbor Loft Apartments. The east-west wing, which is of equal height, is four stories tall and four bays wide and faces the south facade of the Bressler Research Building. The main first story entrance, sided with semicircular transoms, is located at the southeast corner of the south facade of the east-west section. Flanking fenestration is characterized by 6/6, double-hung sash, framed by an architrave surround and projecting brick sills.

The north-south section possesses 9/9 double hung windows on first and second stories and is distinguished by a corbeled brick cornice.

Gray Laboratory, was built to replace on the site of the second oldest Medical School building, Practice Hall, a victim of fire, which was built in 1820 as an adjacent facility to Davidge Hall, containing classrooms and anatomical laboratories.



## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

Gray Laboratory~~AND/OR~~ COMMON**2 LOCATION**

STREET &amp; NUMBER

North side of West Lombard Street between South Greene and South Paca Streets

CITY, TOWN

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Baltimore

VICINITY OF

STATE

COUNTY

MarylandBaltimore City**3 CLASSIFICATION**

## CATEGORY

## OWNERSHIP

## STATUS

## PRESENT USE

☐ DISTRICT☒ PUBLIC☒ OCCUPIED☐ AGRICULTURE☐ MUSEUM☒ BUILDING(S)☐ PRIVATE☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ COMMERCIAL☐ PARK☐ STRUCTURE☐ BOTH☐ WORK IN PROGRESS☒ EDUCATIONAL☐ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ SITE**PUBLIC ACQUISITION****ACCESSIBLE**☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ RELIGIOUS☐ OBJECT☐ IN PROCESS☒ YES: RESTRICTED☐ GOVERNMENT☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ BEING CONSIDERED☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ NO☐ MILITARY☐ OTHER**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

State of Maryland for use by theTelephone #: 853-3683

STREET &amp; NUMBER

University of Maryland, Office of University Planning

CITY, TOWN

STATE, zip code

College Park

VICINITY OF

Maryland 20742**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE.

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Baltimore City Courthouse

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Calvert and Fayette Streets

CITY, TOWN

STATE

BaltimoreMaryland**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

## 7 DESCRIPTION

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### CONDITION

—EXCELLENT  
X GOOD  
—FAIR

—DETERIORATED  
—RUINS  
—UNEXPOSED

### CHECK ONE

—UNALTERED  
X ALTERED

### CHECK ONE

X ORIGINAL SITE  
—MOVED DATE \_\_\_\_\_

### DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Gray Laboratory, located on the north side of West Lombard Street a few hundred feet northeast of Davidge Hall is an L-shaped building dating from the 1890s. The north-south section which is three stories tall with an elevated basement and six bays wide runs southward along the west wall of the Inner Harbor Loft Apartments. The east-west wing which is of equal height is four stories tall and four bays wide and faces the south facade of the Bressler Research Building. A small rectangular grassy courtyard exists between Davidge Hall and the Gray Laboratory.

The main first story entrance is located at the southeast corner of the south facade of the east-west section. This arched entrance is characterized by a set of double doors surmounted by a semi-circular transom. The wooden doors have four-light, glass panels above the lock rail. The transom is broken into six wedge-shaped glass panels and outlined by an architraved surround. In the remaining three bays of the first story are windows with 6/6 double-hung sash and framed by an architraved surround and projecting brick sills.

The second and third stories are characterized by 6/6 double-hung sashed windows in the corresponding openings. The windows of the third story are slightly smaller than the first story windows. Fenestration on the second story, however, is identical.

The attic level is distinguished by four square windows with six-light fixed sash. These window openings also carry a projecting brick sill.

The cornice consists of several rows of corbeled brick.

The west facade of the north-south section is composed solely of windows. The basement level, which rises several feet above street grade, is defined by small square windows with narrow wooden sills.

Windows with 9/9 double-hung sash occupy the six openings of the first, second and third stories. Each window is framed by a wooden surround with a slightly projecting wooden sill.

Several rows of corbeled brick crown this section. A chimney rises above the north facade.

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PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW				
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES 1820, rebuilt 1893

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

#### STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The following information was gathered by Architectural Conservators, Ltd., in March 1977 for their historic structures report on Davidge Hall. This two-volume report included programs for restoration, estimates of cost, recommendations, and an architectural and historical sketch of the building itself.

The second accompanying building to Davidge Hall was completed early in 1821 urged along by the spirited backing of Granville Sharp Pattison. It was described in 1820 as 64 feet by 35 feet and on ground level included a classroom, and some anatomical rooms. On the second floor it housed Pattison's museum, mainly specimens of morbid anatomy purportedly left to him by the famous doctor, Allen Burns<sup>43</sup> from Glasgow. In an adjoining room there was a museum of geology and minerology. This anatomy museum was a great success for many years containing as it did that famous foreign collection of such an intriguing nature. Later the building became known as Practice Hall for obvious reasons. A third story and a wing were added after a disastrous fire in December of 1893, spread from the Heiser Building, completely burning Practice Hall. As a result of the spreading flames a large hole was burnt in the dome of Davidge Hall; the resulting water damage caused the ceiling in Chemical hall to deflect seven inches (still apparent)<sup>44</sup>. This new building built on the foundations of Practice Hall was named Gray's Laboratory for a former patient and a generous legacy.

<sup>43</sup>George H. Callcott, A History of the University of Maryland. p. 40.

<sup>44</sup>Margaret Byrnside Ballard, A University is Born. (West Virginia: Old Hundred Union). Balto., Garamond), 1965. p. 154.  
E.F. Cordell, Historical Sketch. p. 42.

Gray Laboratory is significant not only as a good example of 1890s institutional architecture but also as the site of the second building constructed by the medical college.

Gray Laboratory thus holds both architectural and historical importance in the development of University of Maryland's campus at Baltimore City.

**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY \_\_\_\_\_

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION \_\_\_\_\_

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE \_\_\_\_\_

COUNTY \_\_\_\_\_

STATE \_\_\_\_\_

COUNTY \_\_\_\_\_

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

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ORGANIZATION

Maryland Historical Trust

STREET &amp; NUMBER

21 State Circle

CITY OR TOWN

Annapolis

DATE

December 1979

TELEPHONE

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STATE

Maryland 21401

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

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Block 0630 Lot 017  
Baltimore City  
Baltimore East Quad





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Gray Laboratory  
Lombard St., Baltimore, MD  
c. 1890  
South elevation.

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